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LCP Assistance Grant Awards

Updating Local Coastal Programs (LCPs) helps maintain the overall quality of coastal management in California and helps local governments strengthen their programs and enhance their communities. Benefits of updated programs include reducing the number of appeals of locally-issued coastal development permits, ensuring consistency between General Plan and LCP policies, and addressing emerging coastal issues, such as polluted runoff (a.k.a. nonpoint source pollution or NPS). In December 2000 the Coastal Commission awarded eleven local planning assistance grants.

The funded LCP work programs illustrate how local governments are enhancing their coastal management programs. To address

NPS, for example, all of the LCPs will contain—or will update existing—land use development mitigation measures that prevent and control polluted runoff. Integrating NPS policies is an important step toward achieving the goals of the Statewide Plan to Prevent Nonpoint Source Pollution. To enhance their mapping capabilities, two jurisdictions are developing geographic information systems (GIS) in conjunction with the LCPs. The Commission has asked that each of these jurisdictions coordinate with its own GIS unit so that files can be easily shared amongst jurisdictions. To protect cultural resources, the City of Carmel's work program includes a historic structure survey. By integrating the survey results into

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its LCP, the community's unique character will be further protected and preserved. Each of these work program elements, in addition to many others, will help local governments continue to protect and enhance their portion of the California coast.

Kudos to the 11 jurisdictions receiving LCP Planning Assistance Grants!

City of Crescent City

—LCP Update

Del Norte County

—LCP Update

City of Half Moon Bay

—LUP Partial Update

City of Hermosa Beach

—LCP Completion

City of Carmel-by-the Sea

—LUP Historic Structures Survey
and LCP Completion

Los Angeles County

—LCP Completion, SMM

City of Redondo Beach

—LCP Update

San Luis Obispo County

—LCP Update, North Coast

San Mateo County

—LCP Update, Mid-coast

City of Morro Bay

—LCP Update, nonpoint source
component

City of San Diego

—La Jolla Planned Development
Ordinance Update



Connect the O-T-Ds

Help the Coastal Commission update and complete its inventory of offers-to-dedicate public access easements.

The Coastal Commission maintains an inventory of all Commission-required offers-to-dedicate public access easements (OTDs), as well as some of those required by local coastal governments. The Commission's Public Access Program would like your help in updating and completing its catalogue of these OTDs. A complete OTD inventory will help local coastal governments, the Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy gain a clearer picture of potential public access-



Photos by L. Locklin

ways up and down the coast. Once OTDs are identified, local governments and the Commission can work together to find funding for the construction and opening of OTDs. The Coastal Conservancy's Public Access Program is one possible funding source.

To contribute data or to find out more about OTDs, contact Linda Locklin, Manager of the Coastal Commission's Public Access program, by phone (831-427-4875) or by email (llocklin@coastal.ca.gov).



This lateral accessway along the Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad was officially opened to the public when the Agua Hedionda Foundation accepted an offer-to-dedicate public access in March of this year.

THE GRANT\$ PAGE

RESOURCES AGENCY

Coastal Resources Grant Program

Applications are now available for the 2001-02 cycle of the Coastal Resources Grant Program, a State grant program designed both to assist coastal counties and cities directly impacted by the effects of offshore energy development and to improve coastal resource management throughout California's coastal counties and cities. *(Note that this program announcement should not be confused with the Resources Agency's recent solicitation for proposals under the NOAA Coastal Assistance Impact Program (CAIP).)*

The program offers grants to local coastal counties and cities in two primary categories:

- 1) projects designed for planning, assessment, mitigation, permitting, monitoring and enforcement, public services and facilities, and other activities related to offshore energy development; and
- 2) projects designed to assist coastal counties and cities with local coastal programs approved by the California Coastal Commission. Specific limitations and evaluation criteria are described in the application packet.

The Coastal Resources Grant Program was established under State legislation in 1996 and provides annual funding from Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act revenue. It is anticipated that \$3.047 million will be available for the 2001-02 grant cycle.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 2, 2001. Applications are available on the Internet at http://ceres.ca.gov/cra/coastal_grant/index.html or from the Resources Agency at the following address:

The Resources Agency of California
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact Chris Potter at (916) 654-0536 or chrisp@resources.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.



NOAA Coastal Services Center
LINKING PEOPLE, INFORMATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

Funding Opportunities

Check this out. The NOAA Coastal Services Center hosts a web site called Funding Opportunities for Coastal Managers. This site serves as a clearing house, providing links to a variety of funding opportunities for projects related to coastal and natural resource management. A number of the opportunities are specifically targeted to local governments. Take a look at www.csc.noaa.gov/text/grant.html.

EVALUATION OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice Of Public Meetings

The public is invited to participate in two public meetings that are being held as a part of the federal evaluation of the California Coastal Management Program (CaCMP). The CaCMP is implemented by three state agencies: the California Coastal Commission (CCC), the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC). The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will be performing the evaluation, which will explore the accomplishments, needed improvements, and public concerns relating to the implementation of the CaCMP.

The evaluation of the CaCMP is being conducted in two parts. The first part took place between March 5-9, 2001 and focused on BCDC and SCC. The second part of the evaluation will take place June 5-13, 2001 and will focus on the CCC. Two public meetings will be held during this part of the evaluation, as follows:

Wednesday, June 6, 2001
7:00-9:00 pm
Bayside Conference Room
Pier 1
San Francisco, CA 94111

and

Monday, June 11, 2001
7:00-9:00 pm
Los Angeles Airport Marriott
Philadelphia Room
5855 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Comments from the public on the implementation and operation of the CaCMP may be presented at the public meeting. In addition, written comments will be accepted until July 9, 2001. Address your comments to:

Vickie A. Allin, Evaluation Team Leader
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1305 East-West Highway, SSMC#4, 10th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(Telephone: 301/713-3155, extension 126)

Inquiries concerning the federal evaluation can be directed to Rebecca Roth, Federal Programs Manager, at the Commission's San Francisco office (415-904-5264).

New Public Education Web Pages

The Commission's Public Education web pages (www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/pendx.html) have a new look. Visit the site to find out about the Boating Clean and Green Campaign, grant programs, photography and art contests, and more. You can even shop. By purchasing the products shown on the site—hats, t-shirts, greeting cards, and license plates—you will help support the Public Education programs. We hope you enjoy the new pages.



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Commission Calendar

Upcoming Commission meetings:

June 12~15, 2001

Los Angeles Airport Marriott
5855 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 641-5700.



July 10~13, 2001

The Fountain Grove Inn
101 Fountain Grove Pkwy.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 578-6101

Agendas and selected staff reports are available 1 to 2 weeks before each meeting on the Coastal Commission's web site, www.coastal.ca.gov.

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